

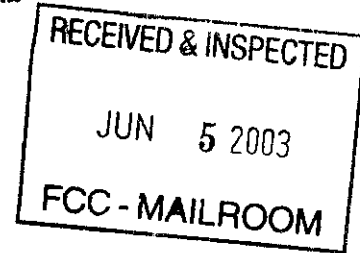
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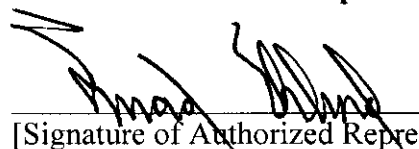
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RE: *Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support*
Annual Certification Filing
CC Docket No. 96-45

This is to certify that Southern Montana Telephone Company will use its *Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support* only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area listed below:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Study Area No.</u>
Southern Montana Telephone Company	MT	482254


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